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## MAS 3105 — Matrices I

**Directions:** Split into groups and (attempt to) answer each of the following questions with your group members. Don't worry about questions you are unable to answer!

In what follows, let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and let

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

1. Determine whether each of the following operations is possible. If it *is* possible, do it; if not, state why it's impossible.

(a)  $A + B$

(b)  $B + I$

(c)  $AB$      **Hint:** This is the matrix product of  $A$  and  $B$ .

(d)  $CD$

(e)  $DC$

(f)  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{l}$

(g)  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u}$

(h)  $2\mathbf{v}$

(i)  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w})$

(j)  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{w}$

(k)  $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{w}$

(l)  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$     **Hint:** This is the dot product of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .

(m)  $\det \mathbf{B}$     **Hint:** This is the determinant of  $\mathbf{B}$ .

(n)  $\mathbf{C}^T$     **Hint:** This is the transpose of  $\mathbf{C}$ .

2. (a) Put the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  in row echelon form.

(b) Put the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  in *reduced row echelon form*.

(c) Using the above, find the inverse of the matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  if it exists. **Hint:** Using part (m) from the first problem, you should be able to tell whether it exists or not *without* doing any work.

(d) Using part (c), solve the vector equation  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  for  $\mathbf{x}$ . **Hint:**  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are all known/given above.